



U.S. ARMY SUSTAINMENT BRIGADE (SPECIAL OPERATIONS) (AIRBORNE) (PROVISIONAL)

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INTRODUCTION

In October 2001, 150 Soldiers from the Special Operations Support Command (Airborne), headquartered at Fort Bragg, N.C., were among the first deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Since that time, SOSCOM Soldiers deploy continuously in support of the Global War on Terrorism.



At the onset of Operation Iraqi Freedom in March 2003, more than 600 SOSCOM Soldiers deployed throughout the U.S. Central Command theater in support of the war effort. Involved in every major GWOT operation, and often among the first troops on the ground, SOSCOM Soldiers support Army and joint special operations forces around the globe.

HISTORY AND ORGANIZATION

SOSCOM, activated on Nov. 1, 1995, is a major subordinate unit of the U.S. Army Special Operations Command. Its activation realigned the command and control organizational structure of the following units: 112th Special Operations Signal Battalion (Airborne); 528th Special Operations Support Battalion (Airborne); Materiel Management Center (Airborne); and five Special Operations Theater Support Elements, (SOTSEs).

The SOTSE Soldiers are embedded within Army unified command staff organizations in five geographical regions. As theater Army staff members, these officers and noncommissioned officers' knowledge of theater-specific requirements and capabilities assist ARSOF units in coordination with the theater.

The Materiel Management Center (MMC) provides ARSOF with centralized materiel management, equipment maintenance, logistical automation and repair parts and supplies.

On Dec. 2, 2005, SOSCOM was officially deactivated and the Sustainment Brigade (Special Operations) (Airborne) (Provisional) was activated in support of an overall transformation within ARSOF logistics. Under this new concept, the SB (SO)(A) becomes a deployable MTOE unit instead of a TDA organization.

As part of this transformation, the 528th was deactivated and became Group Support Battalions and Ranger Support Companies within U.S. Army Special Forces Command. The SOTSEs were renamed ARSOF Liaison Elements (ALE) and continue their regionally oriented focus on ARSOF logistics.

Mirroring conventional sustainment brigades, the Brigade Troops Battalion (BTB) was created to command and control Headquarters, Headquarters Company and two subordinate reserve companies. The MMC functions were transferred to the USASOC G-4. The development of the SB (SO)(A) also provides ARSOF with very unique capabilities performed by the ARSOF Support Cell (ASC) and two Medical Level II teams.

The SB (SO)(A) provides technical control to multiple SF GSBs in the planning and execution of ARSOF combat service support (CSS) and combat health support (CHS). They are capable of deploying two ASCs in support of two ARSOF-based Joint Special Operations Task Forces (JSOTF) or one SOF-based Joint Task Force (JTF). The ASC performs in-theater distribution management functions. The SB (SO)(A) deploys as the logistics C2 in support of a SOF JTF. The medical teams provide Level II medical support, managed by the brigade surgeon. Robust enough to provide CHS on an area basis for approximately 450 personnel, this support includes unit-level medical support and health services, logistics, emergency medical and resuscitative treatment for all classes of patients; emergency dental treatment, physical therapy and preventive medicine support. At the same time maintaining Class VIII, operating STAMIS, and providing veterinary support.

Specializing in advanced communications and force sustainment capabilities, members of the 112th SOSB and the SB (SO)(A) have the challenging mission of supporting ARSOF assets in the field. In their respective fields, signal and support Soldiers provide oversight of materiel distribution management, synchronization, and integrated materiel management of property accountability, maintenance management, and logistics automation for deployed ARSOF. Communications expertise allows ARSOF to shoot move and communicate on a continuous basis. Soldiers assigned to ARSOF units operate and maintain a vast array of unique equipment not normally used by their conventional counterparts. To meet the needs of ARSOF, SB (SO)(A) has developed logistical and signal packages that are rapidly deployable. Soldiers assigned to these units are airborne qualified.

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